

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** during Hispanic Heritage Month let us remain ever mindful of the many insurmountable contributions that Hispanics have made in the growth and development of the Town of Gilbert and of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanics are a reflection of the diversity of America; they represent a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds with a common heritage. Hispanics are a people that have persevered and shown deep devotion to faith in religion, a passionate pride in the virtues of family, community, and a never waivering commitment to hard work and sacrifice while enduring great obstacles; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanics embody a rich and enduring heritage that spans a time when Arizona was a part of lands claimed by Spain, through her birth from a territory into statehood on February 14th, 1912, to the present. This heritage is meticulously interwoven throughout the fabric of life in America; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanics have played a vital and consistent role in the shaping of Gilbert's cultural growth from its earliest beginnings as a small rural community, to the town's present position as one of the most vibrant metropolitan communities in the country; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the history of the Town of Gilbert, Hispanics have provided important contributions to its diversity and are instrumental in enriching the quality of life in the arts, sciences, technology, sports, politics and the many important endeavors that enhance the lives of the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Gilbert recognizes this heritage and the many outstanding contributions by Hispanics; and

NOW THEREFORE I, John W. Lewis, Mayor of the Town of Gilbert proclaim September 15, 2012 through October 15, 2012 as

GILBERT HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

to mark the many contributions, honor and celebrate the culture and heritage of Hispanics in the Town of Gilbert, Arizona.

In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 20th day of September 2012.

John W. Lewis, Mayor